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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 March 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 3/31/04 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Drawing Objections

1. The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(4) because reference character "20" has been used to designate both closure member and part and reference character "10" has been used to designate housing and part.

The computer module and the display screen are "not shown in the figures" or indicated in the specification.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

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A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-5,9,10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by McLeod et al. US 6560093 B1.

With respect to claim 1, as best understood, McLeod et al. teaches (Fig. 1) a containment system for equipment comprising at least a computer module and a display screen 34, the system comprising: a) a first containment unit 14, comprising a plurality of sections removably fastened together to form a first enclosure for containing the computer module, and b) a second containment unit 20 comprising a plurality of sections removably fastened together to form a base and a second enclosure 20 for containing the display screen 34, the second enclosure being tiltably mounted on the base to allow the position of the display screen 14 to be adjusted, and the base having a plurality of fastening holes (see fig. 5,6) for allowing it to be fastened to a fixed object; c) wherein the second containment unit 20 is dimensioned to be nestable between the strengthening flanges 38c of the first containment unit 14.

With respect to claim 2, McLeod et al. teaches said strengthening flanges 38c are formed integrally with one of said plurality of sections of the first containment unit 14.

With respect to claim 3, McLeod et al. teaches first containment unit 14 comprises a first section, forming three sides of a generally rectangular box structure, and a second section, forming a fourth side of said generally rectangular box structure.

With respect to claim 4, McLeod et al. teaches strengthening flanges 38c are formed integrally with said second section.

With respect to claim 5, McLeod et al. teaches first containment unit 14 comprising a first section, forming two sides of a generally rectangular box structure, and a second section, forming third and fourth sides of said generally rectangular box structure.

With respect to claim 9, McLeod et al. teaches (Fig. 6) a plurality of resilient pads (see, for example, col. 6, lines 30-39) attached to said first containment unit 14 for holding said computer peripherals securely within said first containment unit 14.

With respect to claim 10, McLeod et al. teaches a display screen comprising a liquid crystal display (LCD).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 6-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over McLeod et al. US 6560093 B1.

With respect to claims 6 and 8 McLeod et al. teaches the first and second containment units 14,20, except being formed from a plurality of sheet-metal components.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to utilize sheet metal in the outer housing of the first and second containment units. Sheet metal is well known material in the art and could have been utilized as an alternate means of strengthening the outer housing of the containment units.

With respect to claim 7, McLeod et al. teaches a containment system except a plurality of plates, spot-welded to at least one of said sheet-metal components.

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It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to utilize additional plates or other support structures in the invention of McLeod et al., as an alternate means of strengthening the containment system.

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure: Bang US 2002/0060899 A1 & Wang et al. US 6366452 B1 show the state of the art regarding computer containment configurations.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ingrid Wright whose telephone number is (571) 272-8392. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lynn Feild can be reached on (571) 272-2800, ext 35. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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